

City of Van Meter, Iowa
City Council Minutes – 1-6-2014

The Van Meter City Council met for a team building exercise on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 12:00PM at the Court Avenue Brewing Company, at 309 Court Ave in Des Moines. Mayor Adams and the following council members were present: Kim Sacker, Mike Peterson, Owen Stump and Elizabeth Tweed. Absent was Bob Lacy.

Also present was City Administrator Jake Anderson, Public Safety Director William Daggett, Jody Hayes, Erin Freeman, Ronnie Cyrus-Jackson, and Maria Hobbs.

Mayor Adams, the City Council, and City Administrator Jake Anderson got acquainted with one another during lunch from 12:00PM to 1:00PM while Jody Hayes presented instructions for the team building exercise.

From 1:00PM to 3:00PM Mayor Adams, the City Council, and City Administrator Jake Anderson participated in a team building exercise utilizing the skywalks in downtown Des Moines. The exercise consisted of a scavenger hunt involving various problem solving challenges.

The group returned to the Court Avenue Brewing Company. From 3:00PM to 4:00PM the group debriefed on lessons learned and summarized the experience. Takeaways included the valuable contributions that individuals make to the group as a whole, the value of mutual respect, and the importance of working together toward common goals.

From 4:00PM to 5:00PM the group discussed various aspects of the City Council's Operating Guidelines and the Committee Assignments. The Council offered no suggested changes to the Operating Guidelines. There was discussion regarding the number of committee assignments. Anderson explained that the senior Councilmembers were being assigned to three committees and the newly elected Councilmembers were being assigned to two committees which the group found acceptable.

Anderson noted that the City Council's Operating Guidelines and Committee Assignments would be on the City Council's agenda on Monday, January 13, 2014 for approval and adoption.

The discussion concluded around 5:00PM.

_____ Allan B. Adams, Mayor

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_____ Jake Anderson, City Administrator